

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 677

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Deputy Bradley Alan Miller of the Maury County Sheriff's Department.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their own concerns to ensure our collective freedom and personal safety; in providing for the domestic tranquility of the community as a whole, society recognizes the need for a system of laws; and

WHEREAS, the enforcement of the law has been entrusted to a small number of dedicated individuals who face daily the rigors of human conflict in protecting those whom they so selflessly serve; and

WHEREAS, the people of Tennessee are fortunate to be served by the brave and dedicated law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line while carrying out their essential duties; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Bradley Alan Miller of the Maury County Sheriff's Department was one such outstanding and heroic public servant, who gave his life while serving his fellow citizens on December 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, born in Flint, Michigan, on June 10, 1954, Deputy Brad Miller was the son of Alvin Miller and Lois Sparks Miller and a 1972 graduate of Mt. Morris High School in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed a thirty-one-year career with General Motors before his retirement in 2004, but his passion was serving as a Reserve Deputy for the Maury County Sheriff's Department, which he did for nearly twenty years, during which time he was actively involved in the Sheriff's Rodeo and Shop with a Cop programs; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Miller was working traffic detail in a moving work zone on Highway 43 North in Maury County on December 12, 2022, when his patrol vehicle was struck by another vehicle; an oncoming vehicle sped toward the workers, he purposefully turned the wheels of his own vehicle away from the construction workers to prevent injury from the impending crash, saving several lives with that one quick-thinking act; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Miller was posthumously honored with the Three Stars of Tennessee Award by Governor Bill Lee and the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, making him one of only six individuals ever to receive this honor; in 2019, he was awarded the Darrell Peritt Memorial Reserve Deputy Officer of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Maury County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Miller was highly regarded by his peers and universally admired for his passion, leadership, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Brad Miller is survived by his wife of nearly fifty years, Kathy Corlew Miller; son, Bradley Alan (Hazel) Miller II; daughter, Kasie (Aaron) Brown; sister, Tamara Miller; grandchildren, Brandie (Dylan) Stewart, Haylie Miller, Kelsi (Seth Groom) Brown, Auston (Gracie McNabb) Brown, and Brody Wadkins; and great-grandchild, Tatum Brown; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Miller leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity, probity, and valor in his public life as a law enforcement officer, compassion and loyalty in private life, and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we honor the life of Deputy Bradley Alan Miller of the Maury County Sheriff's Department, reflecting fondly upon his character and his commitment to public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.